



THE  
DRIVING TEST  
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HINTS

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## SOME HINTS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TO UNDERGO THE TEST.

### 1. The object of the Test.

However little you mean to drive, if you pass the test you will get a licence allowing you to drive all over Britain, town or country, and so the Examiner must satisfy himself that under any traffic conditions you can handle your vehicle with safety and with consideration for all road users, in the spirit of the Highway Code.

### 2. Preparation.

Make sure that you get a teacher who really knows his job. Do your practice runs over different routes, and when you can, get some practice in traffic. Choose suitable places to try the turns you will have to do in the test, as set out on the back of the application form; but make sure that you do not cause danger or obstruction to other road users, or annoyance to residents.

Study the Highway Code carefully and put its teachings into practice from the beginning of training.

If you live out in the country do not forget that you will get questions about traffic lights, signs and roundabouts.

Do not ask for the test "just for the experience" before you are really ready for it; it is not fair to waste the Examiner's time.

### 3. Application Form.

(a) Give all the particulars asked for on the application form: if you do not, it will mean delay, as the form will have to be sent back to you for completion.

(b) Send the correct fee, 7s. 6d. (If you are being tested on an invalid carriage, agricultural tractor, or motor mower, it is only 2s. 6d.). Make your cheque or

Postal Order payable to "The Ministry of Transport," and, if you send a Postal Order, keep the counterfoil. If you do not, and the fee goes astray, it cannot be traced.

(c) Do not wait until your provisional licence has nearly run out.

(d) Send in your application at least 15 days before the day you wish to be tested. Programmes of tests have to be arranged many days ahead, and if you do not give sufficient notice, you will probably not get the day you want.

(e) Address your application to the Clerk to the Traffic Commissioners of the Area in which you wish to take your test. You will find the address on the back of the application form. There is sure to be delay if you do not address the envelope properly.

#### 4. Appointments.

(a) When you have sent in your application, you will get a card which is a receipt for the fee, and tells you when and where you can be tested. You will want to keep the receipt half, but send back the "reply" half as quickly as possible, saying whether you will be able to attend or not, so that, if you are unable to attend, the time can be offered to some one else.

(b) If you afterwards find you cannot attend at the time agreed, please inform the Area Office as soon as possible (by telephone, if the notice is short).

(c) Punctuality will help you and the Examiner; better be five minutes early than two minutes late. Let the Examiner know you are there. Do not forget that he is doing tests all day long.

(d) In order not to waste your own and the Examiner's time, before you come for the test make sure that:—

(i) you can read (with glasses, if worn) a motor car number plate at a distance of 25 yards;

(ii) your driving licence is not out of date (not even by one day), and that you have signed it;

(iii) your vehicle is properly licensed (a test cannot be taken on a vehicle used under "trade plates");

(iv) your policy of insurance against third party risks is in order;

(v) your vehicle carries "L" plates;

(vi) your vehicle is in a thoroughly roadworthy condition.

(e) Bring your driving licence and insurance certificate with you.

### 5. Highway Code.

You cannot expect to get through the test unless you have carefully studied the Highway Code and put it into practice by showing care and consideration for other road users. You can get a copy of the Highway Code through a bookseller for 1d.

### 6. Test.

(a) The test is perfectly straightforward and there are no traps.

(b) If you fail, you must wait a month before you can be tested again on a vehicle of the same group.

(c) Examiners are not allowed to discuss their reasons for failing a candidate but, if so asked, will mention the points to which special attention should be given before a further test.

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